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SUBJECT:PROPOSED U.S. VISIT OF MINISTER OF HEALTH OF ITALY

REF: MILAN 1032; STATE 148896

1. ON JULY 12, DR. RODOLFO PAOLETTI OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN VISITED HEW, WASHINGTON, AND HAND-DELIVERED TO HEW STAFF THE FOLLOWING LETTER OF JULY 2 FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH TO SECRETARY CALIFANO:

"I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE (TO) YOU PROFESSOR PAOLETTI, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF PHARMACOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN. PROFESSOR PAOLETTI WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS, ON MY BEHALF, WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF PRELIMINARILY ALL THE DETAILS CONCERNING A POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN OURSELVES, WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE DURING THE FALL (OF) 1977.

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"I SHALL BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO HIM DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

"BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, YOURS SINCERELY, LUCIANO DAL FALCO."

2. PAOLETTI INDICATED THAT THE MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE U.S. DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5. HEW STAFF

TOLD PAOLETTI THAT SECRETARY CALIFANO WOULD WELCOME AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS, AND THAT, PROVISIONALLY, IT SEEMS THAT HE COULD RECEIVE DAL FALCO DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 6 (NOT INCLUDING LABOR DAY) AND SEPTEMBER 9. PAOLETTI TOLD HEW THAT, IN ADDITION TO MEETING WITH CALIFANO, DAL FALCO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AGENCIES--NIH, ADAMHA, AND FDA. HE IS INTERESTED IN U.S. EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING IN AREAS OF HEART DISEASE, CANCER, AND MENTAL HEALTH, AND ALSO IS INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOOD AND DRUG PROTECTION SERVICES. ACCORDING TO PAOLETTI, HE WOULD ALSO PLAN TO VISIT NEW YORK AND CORNELL MEDICAL SCHOOL. HE WOULD BRING TWO OR THREE ASSOCIATES WITH HIM, INCLUDING PAOLETTI. HEW AND PAOLETTI DID NOT DISCUSS COSTS, BUT HEW ASSUMES, IN RESPECT TO AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS, THAT IN EACH CASE THE "SENDER COUNTRY" WOULD PAY TRAVEL COSTS--I.E., ITALY, FOR DAL FALCO'S VISIT HERE, AND THE U.S. (HEW) FOR CALIFANO'S VISIT TO ITALY.

3. HEW EXPECTS THAT CALIFANO WILL SEND DAL FALCO A WRITTEN REPLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WELCOMING THE PROPOSAL FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS, BUT NOT MAKING A COMMITMENT ON EXACT TIMES, SUBJECT TO WORKING OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TIMING AND ITINERARIES THROUGH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ROME. HEW AND DEPARTMENT WILL APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING UNCLASSIFIED

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DAL FALCO'S PROPOSED VISIT. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY COMMENT, HEW WOULD LIKE TO TELL ITALIANS THAT A VISIT TO U.S. AND WASHINGTON DURING PERIOD SEPTEMBER 6-9 WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TIMING FOR HEW.

4. HEW STAFF INFORMALLY TOLD PAOLETTI THAT CALIFANO IS PROVISIONALLY PLANNING TO VISIT ITALY OCTOBER 15-19. THIS IS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION, AND WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE TELEGRAM IN NEAR FUTURE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY VIEWS ON TIMING AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR DAL FALCO VISIT IN RELATION TO OTHER POSSIBLE ITALIAN MINISTERIAL VISITORS. VANCE

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